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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on September 11, 2002, Applicants submit this Response. Applicants believe that no fees are due, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, as filed, remain pending in the application.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to provisional application Serial No. 60/221,030, filed July 27, 2000.

Rejection of Claims 1-9 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,217,272 to Felsenthal ("Felsenthal"). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that Felsenthal does not anticipate claim 1 because Felsenthal does not teach all of the limitations recited by claim 1. This conclusion is supported by the following reasons.

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